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I just want to thank you for your efforts in informing the American people of the absurd changes in the FCC rules that FCC Chairman Powell is proposing. The change in the rules are a true throwback to the anti-competitive robber-baron era of our nation in the 19th Century. How ironic that Powell would call your going out and getting the public's reaction to the proposed rule changes as a "19th Century whistle stop tour."

Please do all you can to stop this regressive change in the rules. These rules ARE NOT ALIQUATED. They are there to serve a purpose. Until human nature overcomes greed - we will always have a need for intelligent regulation. Enclosed please find a copy of the letter I sent to FCC chairman Powell. Again Mr. Copps - thank you for your good work.

Sincerely,

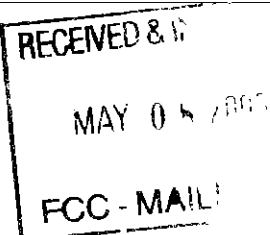


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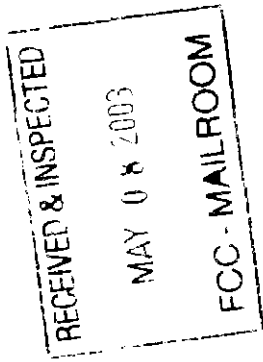
Your proposed changing of federal laws governing the ownership of newspapers, television and radio stations is a true threat to our nation's democracy. I am quite shocked as a taxpayer that you want to leave us out of the debate! The citizens of our country should have a say in this most important decision.

The proposed plan would essentially create giant media monopolies - crushing any true competition which would diminish the number of view points in the news. Ironically this is very much like what people in the Soviet Union and Fascist era in Europe experienced. The difference between what they had and what you propose is that the media was controlled by the government in Communism & Fascism - in our country if the rules are changed the media and news would be controlled by a few rich and wealthy media owners. This type of anti-competitive behavior is very un-American.

I also wanted to mention after seeing Bill Moyers PBS "NOW" program - in which it highlighted this issue - you accused one of your colleagues - Michael J. Copps of going on a "19th Century Whistle Stop Tour". You made this reference to Mr. Copps going out across our nation to get reaction from citizens about this landmark change you are proposing. The irony in your statement is that the very rules you want to change are a true throwback to the corrupt, robber baron and anti-competitive era of our nation during the 19th Century.

Do not let history repeat itself. During the first half of the 20th Century many carefully thought out regulations were implemented that were put in place for a reason. The rules and regulations are not "antiquated". They were designed to protect our nation from the greed of the media owners. Until greed becomes antiquated - I'm afraid these important rules and regulation must be kept - and enforced.


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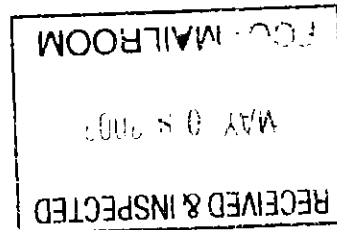
Dear Michael Powell,

The Communication Act of 1996 has done far more harm than good. Competition and diversity in mainstream television and radio has decreased. Ninety percent of mainstream media is now controlled by only five corporations. It is my understanding that on June 2, 2003 the FCC may decide to further loosen ownership regulations. If this trend continues, we will be at the mercy of a media monopoly. Fair competition is already gone. What is worse, real democracy requires a free press and discussion of issues from various viewpoints. Real dialogue on issues is increasingly difficult. Please work to stop this deregulation of the mass media, and please bring back some of the pre-1996 regulation.

Freedom in this country is not just for the proverbial 'fat cats', but for the 'little guy' as well. If government does not protect the needs of common good, then who will?

all the best.

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The Honorable Michael K. Powell, Chairman
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Dear Chairman:

Is it true that the FCC plans to deregulate the airwaves on June 2, 2003 without public hearings or Congressional evaluation? Coupled with yesterday's derailment of the campaign finance law, this news only enforces the belief that the power of corporations remains a constant threat to our democracy. Our voices are important and need to be heard.

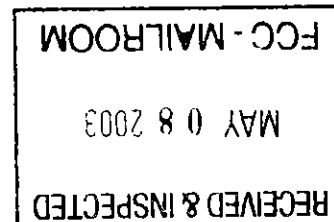
Please let me know where you stand on this issue of deregulation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carla Stevens".

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re: NPRM of Sept 02, deadline of June 2, 2003

Dear Chairman:

Please allow more time for a transparent public examination and discussion of the revision of media ownership rules proposed for adoption on June 2.

Just last night I got my hands on the NPRM of Sept 02. I haven't finished reading it, but I did read two of your prepared speeches (3/27/03, 4/28/03) that attempt to justify the FCC's present course of action. I found all these texts highly problematic.

When citizens become only "consumers," when the public forum becomes only a media "marketplace," and when journalistic truth becomes merely product that must be made palatable (and, of course, compatible with a marketer's policies) so as to be sold, we are in an imaginary land where corporate libertarianism dominates. The classic libertarian, William Safire, knows the difference between conscientious conservatism and the religion you serve. Hmm...a fault line in the right?

By including every new form of web- and satellite-based media in the count, you can honestly say that media outlets have increased by 195% and owners by 139%. This is to compare grains of sand with the Andes, the Rockies, and the Himalayas. Because of an airy theory of digital migration (if I get your drift), the major media that provide "free" content might need aggressive deregulation to have a "fighting chance to...survive." This is a hoot. Disingenuous. How about a public network, then?

What is the evidence that conglomerated major media control what consumers hear, in spite of recent increases in the absolute number of outlets and owners? Clear Channel yanked the Dixie Chicks from their playlist for something one of their members said at a live concert in England. So much for the survival of viewpoint diversity under conditions of ownership homogeneity.

How to fulfill the requirements of Section 202(h)? Repeal the Act (of 1996) as not being in the public interest. Then you needn't worry about the next review.

Sincerely,

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